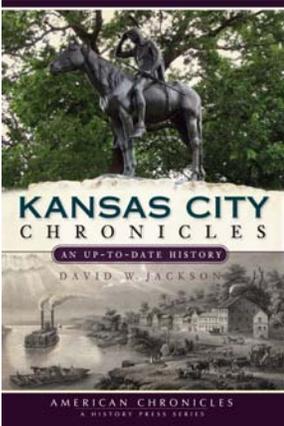


Archivist and historian David Jackson to discuss *Kansas City Chronicles: An Up-To-Date History*



The National Archives at Kansas City, in partnership with the Jackson County Historical Society, will host **David W. Jackson on Thursday, August 12, at 6:30 p.m.** for a discussion on his new book *Kansas City Chronicles: An Up-To-Date History*. Jackson will be available to sign copies of his book after the discussion. A **6:00 p.m. reception** will precede the event.

From guerrilla warfare and martial law to the elegant dresses of the Harzfeld's Parisian Cloak Company, discover how everything became up-to-date in Kansas City (including the phrase "up-to-date," itself, which predates the song in *Oklahoma!*). Learn how the Jackson County Poor Farm became the state-of-the-art Truman Medical Center and why Old Westport is the real McCoy. Meet the resident mouse of the

Laugh-O-Gram studio on Thirteenth and Forest, who took food from Walt Disney's hand as Mortimer before taking shape on his drawing board as Mickey. In this collection of his best historical columns, Jackson delivers a vivid portrait of the people who left their mark on this fascinating town.

Copies of *Kansas City Chronicles* will be available for purchase at The Kansas City Store at the National Archives. This event is free and open to the public. For more information or to make a reservation call 816-268-8010 or register by emailing: kansascity.educate@nara.gov.

Prison historian Kenneth LaMaster to discuss *Images of America: U.S. Penitentiary Leavenworth*

The National Archives at Kansas City will host **Kenneth LaMaster on Thursday, August 5, at 6:30 p.m.** for a discussion on his book *US Penitentiary Leavenworth*. LaMaster will be available to sign copies of his book after the discussion. A **6:00 p.m. reception** will precede the event. In addition, attendees are encouraged to view the exhibition *Mugged!: Facing Life at Leavenworth* prior to the discussion. In addition, this presentation will be taped for later viewing on C-SPAN BookTv.

Located twenty-five miles north of Kansas City, Kansas, the United States Penitentiary in Leavenworth, Kansas, opened its doors in 1895 as the nation's first Federal Penitentiary. In his book, LaMaster takes readers on a behind-the-scenes journey through the halls of the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas. Included are photographs of the men who served time at the prison from the 1890s - 1990s, along with documentation on how the prison was constructed and what day-to-day life was like for many of the inmates.

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Upcoming Events

All events are held at the National Archives
400 West Pershing Road
Kansas City, MO

- AUGUST 5 - 6:00 P.M.
AUTHOR EVENT: KENNETH LAMASTER DISCUSSES *IMAGES OF AMERICA: U.S. PENITENTIARY LEAVENWORTH*
- AUGUST 7 - 10:00 A.M.-3:00 P.M. *FAMILY DAY, WITH FUN QUILT ACTIVITIES FOR THE FAMILY*
- AUGUST 8 - 12:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M. TEACHER APPRECIATION DAY AT THE WORLD WAR I MUSEUM
- AUGUST 12 - 6:00 P.M.
AUTHOR EVENT: DAVID JACKSON DISCUSSES *KANSAS CITY CHRONICLES: AN UP-TO-DATE HISTORY*
- AUGUST 27 - ABRAHAM LINCOLN: *SELF-MADE IN AMERICA EXHIBITION OPENS*

Quilters Guild of Greater Kansas City to co-host Family Fun Day, with Kathy Moore and Edie McGinis

On August 7 the National Archives at Kansas City and the Quilters Guild of Greater Kansas City will host a Family Fun Day for the public. From 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. families can participate in a variety of fun hands-on activities relating



to quilting. Visitors can also tour the exhibition *Partisan Pieces: Quilts of Political and Patriotic Persuasion*.

Family fun activities will include:

All day – Quilt activities for the whole family including children’s “make and take” quilt activities; along with stitching squares; sidewalk-chalk quilting; a scavenger hunt; and quilting demonstrations by the Quilters Guild of Greater Kansas City. Self-guided tours of the new National Archives facility and exhibits, *Partisan Pieces: Quilts of Political and Patriotic Persuasion* and *Mugged!: Facing Life at Leavenworth*, will be available. Plan to visit The Kansas City Store at the National Archives for quilt-related shopping.

Noon - Kathy Moore, *Partisan Pieces* exhibition curator and scholar will talk about how the exhibit was created at the International Quilt Study Center in Lincoln, NE.

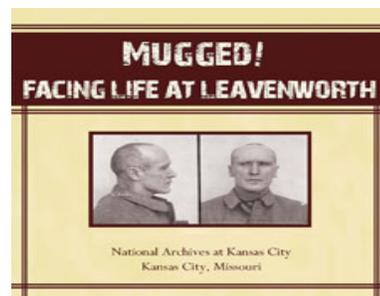
2:00 p.m. – Local author and quilter, Edie McGinis will present a trunk show on *The Kansas City Star* quilt designs and sign copies of her books.

Partisan Pieces is a free exhibition available for viewing through October 2.

Last chance to view *Mugged! exhibition*, closing on August 7

Mugged!: Facing Life at Leavenworth takes visitors on a behind-the-scenes journey through the halls of the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas.

The exhibition features famous and not-so-famous inmates from Leavenworth, including Robert Stroud, known as “The Birdman of Alcatraz”; African-American heavyweight boxing champion Jack Johnson; 15-year-old arsonist Lizzie Cardish; and Prohibition-era gangster George “Machine Gun” Kelly.



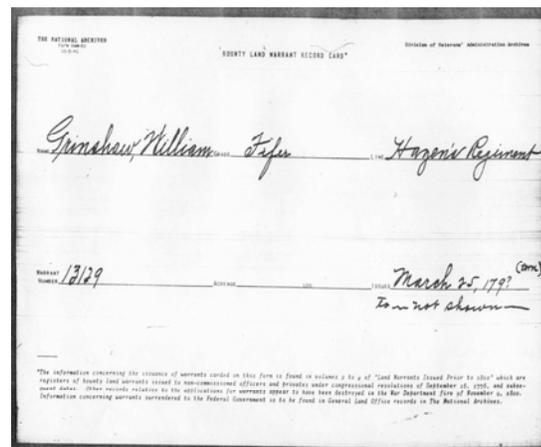
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Gems for Genealogists

Ancestry.com adds M804 - Revolutionary War Pension and Bounty Land Warrant Application files added to online service

Recently Ancestry.com added microfilm publication M804 to its vast array of online resources. This microfilm publication contains in their entirety the 80,000 pension and bounty land warrant application files from the Revolutionary War. The records are arranged alphabetically by surname. The names of most of the servicemen for whom a pension or bounty land warrant application files is reproduced in this publication are listed in Index of Revolutionary War Pension Applications. More information can be found via Ancestry.com from the National Archives web site: www.archives.gov/genealogy In addition, the National Archives facilities offer free access to searching Ancestry online at all of its regional offices.



Educator Extras!

National Park Service: Teaching with Historic Places Program Uses the “Power of Place” to Capture Students’ Imaginations

Historic places were witnesses to history as it happened. Independence Hall, the battlefield of Gettysburg, and the Lewis and Clark trail offer a tangible connection to history. Nationally recognized historic places like these as well as historic places in local communities tell the story of the past in a powerful and meaningful way. Historic places range from battlefields, homes, archeological sites, farms, factories, bridges, art installations to landmarks. Teaching with historic places encourages student curiosity and excitement while actively connecting students to their surroundings and to the past.

The Teaching with Historic Places Program of the National Park Service uses this “power of place” to provide teaching materials that engage students through learning about historic places such as national parks, properties listed on the National Register of Historic Places, and UNESCO World Heritage sites. A searchable index of ready-made lesson plans on diverse topics covering presidential history, African American history, American Indian history, Asian-Pacific heritage, the Civil War and more is available on the program website. Classroom teachers can download ready-made lesson plans, photos, and teaching resources from the website or use the website to create custom lesson plans for historic places in their communities. In addition, the website supplies articles, presentations, publications, and videos on how to teach with historic places. The Teaching with Historic Places program also offers professional development workshops in a variety of locations for teachers to learn more about the power of teaching with historic places.

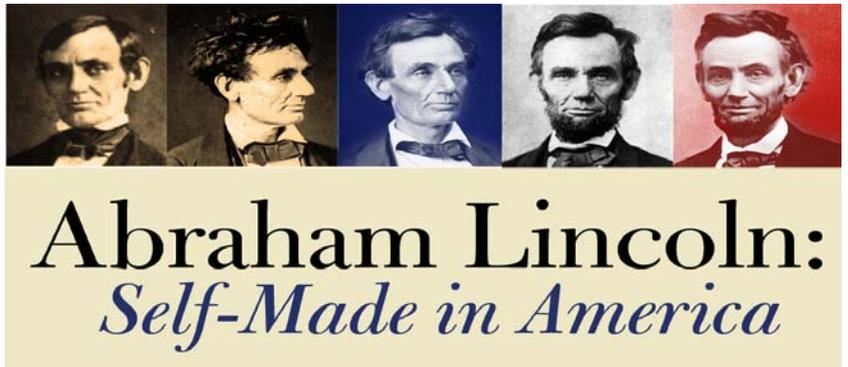
For more information check out the National Archives Archival Research Catalog for more online documents and images related to the National Park Service. National Park Service: www.nps.gov/history/nr/twhp/index.htm and National Archives Archival Research Catalog: www.archives.gov/research/arc

National Archives features two exhibitions on the life of Abraham Lincoln

The National Archives will open two exhibitions celebrating the life of Abraham Lincoln on August 27, 2010. *Abraham Lincoln: Self-Made in America* is a traveling exhibit featuring reproduction artifacts from the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum in Springfield, Illinois. *Lincoln Lives On* is an exhibit created by the National Archives at Kansas City featuring original materials from the local community.

Created to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the birth of America’s greatest president, *Abraham Lincoln: Self-Made in America* covers Lincoln’s childhood, self-education, careers as a surveyor and lawyer, family life, political career, election to the Presidency, and his assassination. The reproduction artifacts on display, all modeled from originals in the Presidential Library and Museum, include: Lincoln’s favorite books; his son Tad’s toy cannon; the nameplate from his Springfield home; his stovepipe hat, which he used like a briefcase to hold important papers; a Presidential campaign banner; an axe that Lincoln used to chop wood; the bloody gloves found in Lincoln’s pocket the night of his assassination; and many other unique items.

Lincoln Lives On explores how Lincoln’s persona has been built up to create a larger than life figure over the past 145 years, and examines the man behind the myth. Telling Lincoln’s story from a local perspective, the exhibit features original letters, signed documents, photographs, campaign buttons, and more from the holdings of the National Archives, Harry S. Truman Presidential Library and Museum, University of Saint Mary, and private collections. Both exhibitions open on August 27, 2010. *Abraham Lincoln: Self-Made in America* will be on display through September 24, 2010, and *Lincoln Lives On* will run through October 30, 2010.



Hidden Treasures from the Stacks Spies Among Us

On June 7, 1945, the Federal Bureau of Investigation arrested New York journalist, Mark Gayn. Part of the Amerasia trial, Gayn, along with four others, was arrested on charges of conspiracy to commit espionage. At the time, he was not indicted by the grand jury and was released. The question is, who was this man and why did he spark so much interest from the U.S. government?

The son of Russian-Jewish parents, Mark Julius Gayn was born on April 21, 1909. After the Russian Revolution he worked for the Red Army Library, and he also studied at the Soviet institute for Teachers, Librarians, and Propagandists. In the fall of 1929, Gayn left for the United State to attend college at Pomona College in Claremont, California. In the beginning of his career he wrote for popular publications such as *The Washington Post*, *Newsweek*, and the *Saturday Evening Post* focusing on communist countries, including China.

During this time, prior to becoming a U.S. citizen in 1942, Gayn registered for the Selective Service System, as required under the Selective Training and Service Act signed by Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1940. His personal history statement, part of the records held by the National Archives at Kansas City, shows that he was eligible for fighting in the United States army, even though he would be arrested five years later for espionage against the U.S. The document includes such information as physical description, where he worked and lived, and the military history of his family.

Exposed by recently released FBI files, Gayn was in fact working as a spy for the Soviet Union, and it is speculated he turned double-agent when he was arrested, in order to avoid conviction. Gayn's personal history statement provides us a glance into what appears to be an elaborate spy movie that played out in reality.

The National Archives at Kansas City has Alien Personal History Statements for the states of Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, North Dakota, and Nebraska. Record Group 147 also includes other records from the Selective Service System, such as Fourth Draft Registration Cards, Alien Records Cards, General Records, and Publicity Scrapbooks.

Through local boards the System registered, classified, and selected for induction male citizens and aliens subject to service. Form 304 also known as the Alien's Personal History and Statement form, was issued to every alien. The completed four page questionnaire type forms contain a wealth of genealogical information, such as work information, family details and in some cases narrative statements written by the immigrant. The National Archives has name indexes online available for surname searching, for more information visit:

www.archives.gov/central-plains/kansas-city



The National Archives at Kansas City is one of 13 facilities nationwide where the public has access to Federal archival records. It is home to more than 50,000 cubic feet of historical records dating from the 1820s to the 1990s created or received by nearly 100 Federal agencies. Serving the Central Plains Region, the archives holds records from the states of Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, and South Dakota. The facility is located at 400 West Pershing Road, Kansas City, MO 64108.

HOURS OF OPERATION

RESEARCH ROOMS: Tuesday through Saturday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

EXHIBIT GALLERIES: Tuesday through Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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